

At First Glance

First Baptist Church

March 2019

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MARCH EVENTS

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New At First Lunch

11:30 a.m., North Hallock Hall

University Lunch

11:30 p.m., Hallock Hall

Friendship Sunday Supper

4:00 p.m., Hallock Hall

Clothes Closet

4:30 p.m.

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WMU

11:30 a.m., Family Life Center

3-10

Daylight Savings Time Starts

Deacon Leadership Team

3:00- 4:00 p.m.

Media Conference Room

Rhine River Meeting

6:30-7:30 p.m., FLC

Converge
2019 is just a couple of weeks away. I hope you have registered for this wonderful weekend

of worship, learning and fellowship.

Converge is designed for families of all sizes. So, whether you are a family of one or six, with or without children, or your nest is empty, Converge has something for you.

Dr. Jay T. Smith will be our speaker for Converge weekend. I renewed my acquaintance with Jay a couple of months ago, marveling at the ways our lives and ministries have intersected over the years. Jay serves as the President of the Yellowstone Theological Institute in Bozeman, Montana.

As we visited, he shared how YTI is asking questions about the future of the church and particularly what the church will look like in the next 20-30 years. One area of emphasis is how recreation and the arts will continue to shape our culture and how the church can leverage those trends to share and live out the gospel. His theme, *The Church in a Brave New World*, will inspire and challenge us for the work before us to grow young.

One of the unique opportunities we have each Easter Season comes through the **Norman Lenten Lunch Series**. On Wednesdays during the season of Lent, the Norman community gathers for worship in a local church. Each host church invites a guest pastor from the community to share from their pulpit. Through the year's we have hosted pastors from McFarlin Methodist Church, St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Bethel Baptist Church, Alameda Church of Christ and NorthHaven Church. These services reflect the ecumenical spirit of Norman. I encourage you to attend these services as we worship Together at the Cross.

First Baptist will host the Lenten Lunch service on Wednesday, March 13. Rev. Jakob Topper, the new pastor at NorthHaven, will be our pulpit guest. On March 27, Rev. Linda Harker has invited me to be the pulpit guest at McFarlin. Let us be gracious hosts on the 13th as we invite Norman to worship and lunch with us. And, let us honor Rev. Harker's invitation on the 27th as I have the privilege of preaching at McFarlin.

We share the **Lord's Supper** together on Sunday, March 10. It is always a privilege to break bread and share the cup of Christ with you in worship. I look forward to doing so again on the 10th. . .until He comes again!

Pastor Wade



**DR. WADE
SMITH**

New things ahead

Hands for Harvey: As you read this, a team of 32 is hard at work in Refugio, Texas, assisting families in restoring their homes from the damage left by Hurricane Harvey in August 2017. Please pray for the team as we complete our work, and for the families that they may be blessed by the work. More importantly, please pray that they will be blessed by the touch of God through all we do. We will look forward to sharing a more complete story of our work when we return.

New Things Ahead: Most of you are aware that FBCN offers online giving and payment options from our church website. Beginning April 1, we will change our giving platform to what we hope will provide a better option as you use this great tool to enhance your stewardship of finances in the offerings to the church. This change will require a new login to accounts on or after April 1.

If you are giving or paying for events online currently, you will need to set up new accounts in this system. Your old account information with VANCO Services will be deleted when we make this transfer. Our prayer is that this will be a good and easy transition to a better system of online giving.

Roof repairs from Insurance Claim: Roof repairs have begun with the recent replacement of the Mission House roof. Next on the schedule will be Common Ground and Falls Creek, and, finally the main church building. We are continuing to work on completing the approval of the air conditioning portion of the insurance claim, and that will need to be completed prior to the work beginning on the main building. These are great benefits to the church and our facility needs. Thank God for great insurance coverage.

West Wing Restroom Renovations: The Trustees have been working for months on plans for restroom renovations. We are very close to having the opportunity to share those plans with you as a church. They feel that this will be a great opportunity to take a next step in bringing our facilities up to date, more accommodating to our members, and welcoming to our guests. Again, we ask for your prayers for wisdom in this process.

Peace and grace as we minister together.

**ROY JOE
HAM**



Norman Lenten Services begin March 13

• *FBC Norman to serve as host*
A Norman tradition continues Wednesday, March 13, as the 2019 Norman Ministerial Fellowship Lenten lunch series begins. Each service begins at noon and lunch will be served at 12:35 p.m. Cost for the lunch is \$5.

Following each service, an offering will be taken for Norman Regional Health System Foundation to support Pastoral Care Services. The offering will support the Chaplain's office as they offer pastoral care to patients and families at Norman Regional, the Norman Healthplex, and the Norman Regional Moore Hospital. The Chaplain's office has used previous gifts to purchase Bibles, care notes, and memorial markers in the Baby Land area of Sunset Memorial Cemetery.

The community Lenten services are designed as a 30-minute noon-day worship service in the sanctuary/worship space of the host church. The host church provides a brief expression of music and liturgy from their tradition. This is followed by a brief homily from a guest pastor or clergy member from the community.

The series begins Wednesday,

March 13 at First Baptist Church, 211 W. Comanche St. Guest pastor will be Jakob Topper, NorthHaven Church. His sermon will focus on *Mary Magdalene*.

The series continues Wednesday, March 20 at First Christian Church, 220 S. Webster.

On March 27, guest pastor Dr. Wade Smith, First Baptist Church Norman, will speak on *The Two Thieves* at McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church, 419 S. University Blvd.

On Wednesday, April 3, Grace Fellowship, which meets at The Hall at the Railhouse, 102 W. Eufaula St., will host as guest pastor Daniel Kitchel, The Cross Church of Norman, discusses *Simon Peter*.

Memorial Presbyterian Church, 601 24th Ave. SW, will be the host church on Wednesday, April 10, with guest pastor Jeannie Himes, St. Stephens Methodist Church.

The Holy Week service, Wednesday, April 17, will feature guest pastor Mike Butler, Crosspointe Church, at Alameda Church of Christ, 801 E. Alameda St. Butler will deliver a sermon titled *John, The Beloved Disciple*.

Veterans Lunch



At First Baptist Norman we love to celebrate our veterans all year long! Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for your service. We hope you enjoyed lunch on February 15.

Converge Weekend March 15-17

Converge is a fun-filled weekend held March 15-17 with family and friends right here at FBC! It's an event that brings all ages of the church family together. This is the second year for Converge weekend at First Baptist Norman.

On Friday, March 15, check-in will open at 5:30 p.m. with a catered dinner served at 6:00 p.m. followed by worship and praise time. We'll wrap up the evening with a board game night.

After a delicious breakfast Saturday morning, March 16, at 8:00, our guest speaker, Jay T. Smith, will lead two speaker sessions on the topic of *The Church in a Brave New World*.



Joe and Beverly Theige enjoy rocket launching at last year's Converge weekend. Rocket launching, and other fun activities, will be offered at this year's Converge, March 15-17.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Jay is an Oklahoma native. He has been a Baptist pastor for 25 years, serving churches in Texas, Washington, and Montana. Prior to his call to ministry, he was a band director and arranger-composer. He is currently president of Yellowstone Theological Institute in Bozeman, Mont.



Jay T. Smith

Following lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, afternoon activities begin at 1:00. Activities include bowling, a tour of the Hall of Ancient Life at Sam Noble Museum, painting, game time, rocket launching, Geocaching, a 45-minute tour of Fred Jones Museum, and more.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and worship will begin at 7:00 p.m. Saturday evening will conclude with a movie night.

The weekend will wrap up Sunday, March 17 with a speaker session at 9:15 a.m. titled *Future Church — Learning from the Past, Forgoing the Superficial and Preparing for the Future*. The session will address what the church might look like in the future.

Cost for Converge weekend is \$110 per family or \$45 each. To register or for more information, visit fbcnorman.org.

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

- 11** Deacon Ministry Team
6:30-8:00 p.m., Media Conference Room
- 13** Lenten Service
12:00-12:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- 13** Lenten Lunch
12:35-1:00 p.m.
- 15** Converge Weekend
5:30 p.m., check-in
6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 16** Converge Weekend
8:00 a.m., Breakfast and Guest Speaker
- 16** Converge Weekend
9:15 a.m., Guest Speaker
- 17** University Lunch
11:30 a.m., Hallock Hall
- 17** Friendship Sunday Supper
4:00 p.m., Hallock Hall
- 17** Food Pantry
4:30 p.m.
- 20** Spring Break
No Wednesday Evening Activities
- 24** Church Conference and Lunch
11:30 a.m., Hallock Hall
\$2 Nacho Bar, Bring A Dessert To Share
- 29** Birthday Bash: March & April
11:30 a.m. K&K Rooms
- 31** David Phelps Concert
6:00 p.m. Sanctuary

HE'S ALIVE

EASTER TOUR WITH DAVID PHELPS

March 31

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Tickets Must Be Purchased in the church office



Lord's Supper

SUNDAY, MARCH 10
10:30 A.M.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1: Darline Burris, Mary Hedrick, Peyton Smith

March 2: Peyton Beery, Jim Harp, Deborah Linn, Jerry McConnel

March 3: Fred Queen, Janet Schaffner

March 4: Bart Wharton

March 5: Brady Newville

March 6: Chesca Baily, Lydia Ham, Allison Lassetter, Brooke Redwine, Lauren Rigney

March 7: Joe Provine, Dick Weaver

March 8: Suzette Mason, Addison Mullinax, Emerson Mullinax, Trish Rigney, Don Symcox

March 10: Sybil Foster

March 11: Harold Brooks, Ray Brown, Vickie Riggs, Ellen Simpson

March 12: Wallace Conerly

March 13: Don Allen, Jeff Harp, Meghan Keen

March 14: Dean Brown, Kay Schoeffler, James Smiley

March 15: Steve Sewell

March 16: Josie Armstrong, Kay Pirtle

March 17: Jennifer Bowles, James Callison, Janette Marks

March 18: Erin Clancy, Sarah Pool, Rebecca Vanderburg, Dan Wade

March 20: Marilyn Bedwell

March 21: Philip Redwine

March 22: Sonya Ketner, Taylor Lovell, Jim Spearman, Ellen Wood

March 23: Bobby Barnard, Kathy Greb, Elizabeth Windes

March 24: David James, Phillip Reed, Madeline Smith, Pat Wilson

March 25: Omeda Lawson

March 26: Larry Varner

March 27: Palla Henderson, Pati Huffman, Fran Sexton, Benjamin Vance, Linda Webb

March 28: Dana Heatly

March 29: Tim Martin, Gynonne Smith, Jenny Storm, Andrea Womack

March 30: Christina Owen, Radvin Paknia, Robb Roys

SYMPATHIES

The First Baptist Church family wishes to extend sympathies to:

Wallace Conerly and Staci, Dino, Jaxon & Grace Koutsoukos at the passing of their son-in-law and uncle, Bob Loeser.

Jane and Larry Kroeker and Jenny Roby at the passing of their mother and grandmother, Pat Coley.

Jim Couch; Lori, Kelsey, Tyler & Ashley

Couch; Carol, Craig, Emily & Katie Thompson; Robert and Betty Wolfard at the passing of their wife, mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, and sister LaRita Couch.

Al Bass at the passing of his sister, Sandra Miles.

Gwen Wilburn at the passing of her husband, Dick Wilburn



NORMAN LENTEN SERVICES
GUEST SPEAKER
REV. JAKOB TOPPER
NORTHAVEN CHURCH
NOON MARCH 13
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NORMAN
211 W. COMANCHE ST.



SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION
FBCNORMAN.ORG

DEAR FBC...

Dear FBC,

Thank you for your kind and generous gift! So glad that your Souper Bowl fundraiser was a great success!

God bless you. Have a great day!

Major Margaret Kennell,
Corps Officer
The Salvation Army
Cleveland County

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